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- 1. UPSWING informed us early in February about a new Czech case called "ANEXDOTE" which was just then beginning. The agent, now living in Straubing, is the Subject of paragraph 1.b. of Reference (2). We have since learned that the agent has been assigned the V-number 22354. 1@ KUTZBACH is the Headquarters case officer.
- 2. The following limited amount of information was given us in February: V-22354, an economist by profession, had been a member of the NSDAP and a highly placed official in the German protectorate government of Czechoslovakia. After the war he was imprisoned by the Czech government and only recently received a grant of a mesty. @ KUTZBACH speculated on the possibility that V-22354's wife (Subject of paragraph 1.a., Reference(2)) had been instrumental in gaining his release from prison. The wife was stated to have been employed in an unknown capacity for an American agency in Straubing for a period after the war.
- 3. Upon his release from prison, V-22354 was taken to Prague and there underwent three months of "political orientation," a part of the course having been given by an official of the Ministry of Economics. Some of the instruction was devoted to training in intelligence, and V-22354 was thoroughly debriefed regarding his former friends, relatives and professional contacts in Germany and Austria. He was given a cover address in Prague to which he was to write after he left the CSR.

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- 4. The agent's EEI's were described as being very broad; included are unspecified political and economic targets in West Germany and also information on the extent of American control of the West German economy.

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 V-22354 and about whom he was debriefed was a Franz Khautzherger, described by & Kutzhach as a former UPSWINGER. (This, no doubt, is Karl Franz or Franz Karlyrautzherger, V-11923(P), Subject of MGIA-7177, 7188 and 9781) 1@ KUTZHACH was of the opinion that the CIS intended to have V-22354 exploit this relationship, with penetration of UPSWING undoubtedly being a prime, if not the prime, goal.
 - 5. @ KUTZPACH stated that this case is being handled in a most sensitive manner by UPSWING. He said that there probably would not be any written reporting on it and that any information, such as traces, which we might develop for UPSWING should be given to him personally.
 - 6. Reference (1) requested traces on the agent and his wife. Replies, other than those given in Reference (2), were negative. By the time all replies had been received. KUTZBACH had left on a four-week vacation. He had requested that the undersigned not discuss the case with any other UPSWING staff member. Therefore, it was not until 10 April that further information could be developed.
 - 7. The following additional data were learned on 10 April. @ KUTZ-BACH confirmed all the information in paragraph 2 of Reference (2), but said that the 5 May 1894 date of birth is incorrect; V-22354 was born on 5 May 1904 in Karlsbad, not Kalstadt. Also, his wife was previously married to Karl Hermanna*FRANK, and hence the "(Fnu) FRANK" may be altered to give the full name as stated.
 - 8. Lengthy debriefings of V-22354 have been conducted by UPSWING's Buero Bavaria which is handling the case. The agent has provided a large amount of information regarding his contacts, persons widely scattered throughout German and Austrian business, professional and academic circles.

 KUTZBACH described many of them as persons of considerable importance, attesting the fact that the agent has excellent connections in many fields. A list of these names is attached. Unfortunately, no birth data are available; however, in view of the importance UPSWING attaches to this case, traces which may be passed to them are requested. POB traces are in progress.
 - 9. © KUTZBACH discussed the various problems in handling V-22354. For example, UPSWING Headquarters anticipates some difficulty in finding a suitable case officer to handle a man who considers himself a "hohes Tier." The problem has not yet been resolved, but the plan at present is to have V-22354 directed by a person who at least possesses academic equality with the agent. The latter, by virtue of his political theories, presents other unusual problems. He believes strongly in the desirability of creating a confederated Danubian monarchy. Hence his motivation vis-a-vis UPSWING--assuming for the moment that he has been successfully doubled by UPSWING--is not altogether clear. © KUTZBACH states that he is not hostile to the Federal Republic, but he has to be reminded frequently of the desirability of working for a political reality of the moment rather than becoming too absorbed in promoting visions of an unlikely future.



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10. V-22354 had been instructed, either prior to his departure from the CSR (exact date unknown) or later by mail, to meet a CIS contact in Vienna on 18 February. The meeting was to take place at 6 p.m. inside a cafe. UPSWING conducted a surveillance of V-22354 prior to his entry into the cafe and after his departure from it at 7 p.m. He told his UPSWING contacts that he had not been met inside. This, of course, cannot be confirmed because UPSWING did not run a surveillance inside the cafe.

11. On instructions from UPSWING, V-22354 wrote to his CIS cover address and asked in his letter why he had not been met. Sometime early in March he received a reply, postmarked Frankfurt am Main, in which the CIS case officer apologized for not having attended the February 18 meeting, but said he would like to see the agent in Vienna, the date being towards the end of April and the place unspecified by @ KUTZBACH.

12. © KUTZBACH said that V-22354 stayed at the Hotel Post during the time he was in Vienna in Pebruary. This itself raised a question in UPSWING's estimate of the agent since, as @ KUTZBACH stated, the Hotel Post is a well known hangout for Eastern intelligence personnel. V-22354 said he stayed there because his wife's aunt, a Frau (Fnu COETZ, had two rooms at the hotel. UPSWING's surveillance of him indicated that he did in fact stay at the Post.

13. UPSWING's present assessment of V-22354 is that he has been successfully doubled and will cooperate with them against the CIS. As evidence for this view, @ KUTZBACH cites the following: V-22354 has willingly provided UPSWING with voluminous details about his contacts, including persons who had been UPSWINGERS (but whom the CIS possibly believed still to be associated with the organization and hence logical targets for V-22354). Persons in this category include KRAUTZBERGER, Werner THETTER, and also Dr., Walter HERGL, whose names appear in Attachment. (TUTTER is the Subject of PULI-7879, 29 April 1954, in which he was reported as an agent prospect of Dienststelle 4; no V-number was assigned to him as far as we know. There are no entries in POB files on Walter HERGL; however, we have noted that a Dr. Wolfgang HERGEL, V-3583, was dropped on 15 April 1951.)

14. Another point & KUTZBACH cites in V-22354's favor is the reply he received from the CIS postmarked Frankfurt am Main. If the agent were still working for the CIS, & KUTZBACH argues that it would be unlikely for them to risk pinpointing the Czech Trade Mission in Frankfurt as a means of maintaining communications with their agents. (Whether or not the Trade Mission has in fact been pinpointed is, in our opinion, a dubious matter.)

15. UPSWING has debriefed Heinz IAEMAEL, a co-prisoner of V-22354's, listed in Attachment. He confirmed the information provided by the latter regarding prison activities and gave his opinion that V-22354 is "an honorable man." This, of course, proves nothing, but UPSWING appears to trust LAEMAEL.

16. @ KUTZEACH has agreed to provide us with a summary of the case, but he has indicated that other than through personal talks (during which he has asked that no notes be taken), any written material he sends us will be



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extremely brief and fairly sterile. The kid-glove treatment being given this case stems possibly from at least two causes: First, UPSWING's apparent conviction that a high-level penetration of their service is the chief aim of the operation (and hence KUBARK is not directly concerned); second, the new approach to liaison where UPSWING perhaps does not feel it as necessary or desirable as in the past to cut KUBARK in on highly sensitive operations. On the other hand, in our preliminary analysis of this case, we have not so far detected the reasons accounting for such special treatment as is being accorded the matter by UPSWING. On the face of what has so far been given us, we do not consider that the case has uniquely sensitive aspects to it. The answer to the riddle may well be that @ KUTZBACH is winking at instructions from his superiors to avoid discussions with KUBARK of going UPSWING operations. If this should be so, @ KUTZBACH is probably trying to protect himself as far as possible in risking a discussion of "ANEKDOTE" at this time.

17. In spite of the situation described above, we shall attempt, within the obvious limits imposed, to obtain as much information about "AN-EXDOTE" as possible. Certainly, an aggressive role is out of the question at this time, but @ KUTZBACH's own tendency to be cooperative plus a legitimate KUBARK concern in V-22354's American targets and the CIS itself should provide a basis for obtaining more data in the future.

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